

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 9-15 (canceled).

1. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:
 - a reel around which a magnetic tape is wound;
 - a cartridge case which houses said reel in a locked position;
 - a release pad for releasing ~~locking of~~ said reel from being locked, said release pad having a lower surface and a plurality of lock release pins which extend from said lower surface;
 - and
 - a cup-like hub of said reel in which said release pad is mounted, said cup-like hub having a base plate,
- wherein a plurality of guide holes, for allowing asaid plurality of lock release pins to penetrate therein, ~~which extend from the lower surface of said release pad,~~ are made in the periphery of asaid base plate ~~of said cup-like hub,~~ and a plurality of pairs of guide ribs, which are capable of respectively guiding said plurality of lock release pins to said plurality of guide holes, stand inside said cup-like hub corresponding to said plurality of guide holes, and

wherein said plurality of pairs of guide ribs are respectively separated by a gap into which said plurality of lock release pins are respectively inserted, and the gap is increased in a direction towards a center of said base plate.

2. (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the gap of each of said plurality of pairs of guide ribs is enlarged in a direction of ~~the~~an approach of ~~each~~ said plurality of lock release pin-pins, respectively, so that ~~each~~ of said plurality of pairs of guide ribs may guide ~~each~~ said plurality of lock release pin-pins to ~~each~~ said plurality of guide holeholes smoothly.

3. (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ said plurality of pairs of guide rib-ribs ~~projects-project~~ from ~~the~~said base plate of said cup-like hub.

4. (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ ~~said~~ said plurality of pairs of guide rib-ribs ~~project projects~~ from ~~the~~said base plate and a cylindrical wall of said cup-like hub, ~~lying across the former and the latter.~~

5. (withdrawn): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a reel around which a magnetic tape is wound;

a cartridge case which houses said reel in a locked position;

a release pad for releasing locking of said reel; and

a cup-like hub of said reel in which said release pad is mounted, said release pad comprising:

a main pad which possesses a plurality of corners facing the inner surface of a cylindrical wall of said cup-like hub; and

a plurality of lock release pins which extend from the lower surfaces of the corners of said main pad and penetrate a base plate of said cup-like hub,

wherein the inner circumference of a flange, which is placed on the opening side of said cup-like hub, overhangs the inner surface of a cylindrical wall of said cup-like hub and a plurality of cutouts are provided on the inner circumference of said flange, which permit each corner of said release pad to pass in an approximately horizontal position in the axial direction of said reel.

6. (withdrawn): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 5, wherein each said cutout is located so that each said cutout faces each guide hole made on the base plate of said cup-like hub for each said lock release pin to penetrate.

7. (withdrawn): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cup-like hub; and

a reel in which parts of the magnetic tape cartridge are mounted near the inner surface of a cylindrical wall of the cup-like hub,

wherein said reel comprises:

an upper flanged hub in which an upper flange is integrally molded with the end of an opening of said cup-like hub; and

a lower flange which is fixed to a base plate of said cup-like hub.

8. (withdrawn): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cup-like hub; and

a reel in which parts of the magnetic tape cartridge are mounted near the inner surface of a cylindrical wall of the cup-like hub,

wherein said reel comprises:

a lower flanged hub in which a lower flange of a disk-like plate is integrally molded with the outer circumference of a base plate of said cup-like hub; and

an upper flange of a disk-like plate which is fixed on the end of an opening of said cup-like hub,

wherein a fitting rib for centering said upper flange with said lower flanged hub projects from said upper flange around the inner circumference, and the inner diameter of the end of the opening of said cup-like hub is increased by reducing the thickness of the wall of said cup-like hub in order to provide a fitting portion with which said fitting rib is mated.